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Iran, Israel reportedly forging contacts

By STEVE RODAN

Iran and Israel are forging contacts in a secret effort to resolve military tensions and settle Israel's debt of up to \$1 billion to Teheran.

Diplomatic sources in both countries said that after years of halted attempts, the chances of a successful dialogue are better today. They say the biggest change has been the election of Mohammed Khatami, regarded as a pro-Western moderate, as Iran's president.

"We are closer to this possibility [of a settlement] now than two years ago," a senior Israeli official said. "We recog-

nize that we owe Iran money, and we're willing to negotiate."

An Iranian source close to Khatami agreed. "A change is about to take place in the way the government is thinking," he said. "We already have signs of this here and there."

Those involved in the attempt to start negotiations said the goal is multiple: to discuss Israel's debt to Iran from the days of the shah - estimated at \$650 million-\$1 billion - and to quietly reduce Iranian enmity, whether expressed in support of Hezbollah and Islamic terrorism or in its nuclear weapons and ballistic missile program.

One proposal is that Israel pay the debt through private investment in developing Iranian civilian infrastructure.

"There is not a complete picture yet," Labor MK Ephraim Sneh said. "There are commercial attempts being made here."

At the same time, Iranian and Israeli academics are discussing the idea of a dialogue that could eventually turn official - taking a page out of Israel's experience with the PLO and China. Iranian academics, particularly those abroad, have expressed interest in joining such an effort.

"I very much approve of what the Israeli leadership is doing," said Hooshang Amirahmadi, director of Middle East studies at Rutgers University in the US, who is regarded as close to the Khatami government. "The confrontation with Iran is wrong. Any correction to that confrontational approach is a welcome event, and I believe it will be welcomed by political and academic circles in Iran and elsewhere."

Approaches to Iran have been steady throughout the nearly 20 years of the Islamic republic. Court records and former IDF commanders said Israel sold

arms to Iran throughout the Iran-Iraq War from 1980-88.

"Our interest was that this war should last forever," Maj.-Gen. [res.] Avraham Bar-David, former chief artillery officer and later managing director of Soltan, said. "The Iranians were willing to buy from everyone."

The arms sales slowed down after the war, but Israeli products continued to be sold to the Teheran regime through third countries. This included agricultural equipment, plastics, and instruments to detect chemical weapons.

But the most recent effort at an Israeli-Iranian conciliation began late last year.

In December 1996, then-Khazakstan oil minister Nurten Balgimbaev, who has excellent ties with Teheran, visited Israel for medical treatment and was approached about arranging a dialogue with Iran to discuss an easing of tensions.

The effort was launched by Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, who reportedly feels that the policy of the previous governments of Yitzhak Rabin and Shimon Peres in leading an international campaign against Teheran was counterproductive.

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ITV: Commando may have stepped on mine

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

The IDF inquiry into Friday's botched raid in south Lebanon believes that a member of the naval commando unit stepped on a Hezbollah mine, subsequently drawing gunfire and triggering off at least one of the explosives they were carrying, Channel 1 reported last night.

The report claimed that the unit split up into small groups and, as four commandos crossed the road toward their target, one of them stepped on a mine.

Following the raid that left 11 dead, one missing and presumed dead, and four wounded, Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak appointed an inquiry headed by OC Home Front Command Maj.-Gen. Gabi Ophir. Although the inquiry has not released an official statement on its

Cuts '98 - The Proposals

To reduce from January 1 child benefit payments. Those earning more than 130% of the average wage with fewer than four children will be affected.	To collect national insurance payments for five years from pensioners over 60 (for women) or 65 (for men) if they are still working.
To give greater financial independence to the health funds, which in turn will ask the public for additional funding. To reduce the number of health centers.	To raise the cost of treated water for agriculture by 8%, bringing it in line with household and industrial water pricing.
To reduce the number of school hours by 15,000 for each of the next two years.	To reduce the number of overseas trade representatives in 17. To reduce or abolish grants to certain business sectors, including the petrochemicals industry.
To cut the defense budget by NIS 550m. To reduce the number of IDF representatives abroad. To cut soldiers' academic studies. To reduce the number of retirements.	To cut NIS 600m. (according to the Union of Local Authorities in Israel) from local government spending.

Ministers slam Neeman NIS 2.3b budget cut plan

Marathon debate goes into early hours

By DAVID HARRIS

The cabinet reconvened late last night to try and reach agreement on Finance Minister Ya'akov Neeman's proposed NIS 2.3 billion cut for the 1998 state budget.

A marathon session had broken up earlier for a couple of hours as ministers and Treasury officials clustered in consultations to try to find suitable compromises for each ministry.

Foreign Minister David Levy left the meeting early in the evening, leaving behind a proxy vote against the cuts. Absorption Minister Yuli Edelstein reportedly threatened to resign and also walked out of the meeting, saying the government did not care about new immigrants. Edelstein later returned for the midnight discussion.

There were a number of heated exchanges during the debate that began at 9 a.m. yesterday.

Ministers had to be calmed down several times as they turned their anger on Neeman, Treasury officials said.

After leaving the meeting, Levy told reporters it would take two or three years for economic growth to resume and that there was currently a need to declare a "social SOS." He added that Geshur would continue to speak out for the weak and would do whatever is needed to ensure they are not harmed by the cuts.

Ministers who expressed extreme reservations during the cabinet session included Eli Yishai (Labor and Social Affairs), Yitzhak Mordechai (Defense), Zevulun Hammer (Education), Yitzhak Levy (Transport), David Levy, Natan Sharansky (Industry and Trade), Edelstein, Eli Suissa (Interior), Ariel Sharon (National Infrastructure) and Yehoshua Matza (Health).

After 12 hours of talks, Treasury officials began holding private conversations with individual ministry representatives in a bid to gain a majority in favor of the cuts' package.

The Treasury proposals include substantial cuts in spending for defense, (NIS 550 million), educa-

tion (a reduction in school hours by 15,000), national insurance (benefits to older people and parents) and industry.

While the health service is not facing a real-terms cut, according to the Treasury, it is being asked to undergo substantial reforms.

The cabinet rejected Science Minister Michael Eitan's proposal to close down his own ministry.

Science Ministry staff demonstrates, Page 4

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu suggested appointing a committee to examine the idea in detail and issue a report within 45 days.

Following presentations by Netanyahu, Treasury officials, and the Bank of Israel governor Jacob Frenkel, Matza spoke for more than two hours, trying to convince his colleagues that the Treasury should contribute NIS 1.3b. to wipe out the health service debt, rather than attempt to implement sweeping reforms.

Sharansky said he is not prepared to implement all the cuts proposed for his ministry, particularly those directly related to unemployment and development area infrastructure. Sharansky also said he would refuse to close 17 economic trade offices abroad.

As the meeting commenced in the morning, staff from the Science Ministry demonstrated outside the Prime Minister's Office against the proposed closure of the ministry.

Late in the afternoon dozens of mayors held a rally to protest against planned cuts of an estimated NIS 600 m. to NIS 700 m. in the local authority budget.

As part of its ongoing opposition to budget cuts and a government blueprint for structural economic reforms, the Histadrut last night gave a go-ahead for labor disputes by the Income Tax and Property

Tax Commission, the law court stenographers' union and WIZO employees.

Calling on ministers to think of the good of the nation rather than their individual ministries, Netanyahu said his colleagues were wrong in saying there can be no economic miracles.

"This is not true," he retorted. "I definitely see that there will certainly be an Israeli economic miracle."

Neeman recited a prayer asking God to prevent him speaking gossip or idle chit-chat. He told ministers that if he had accepted all their requests the Treasury would have to pay out NIS 15b. rather than making any cuts at all.

The cut is part of the Treasury's strategy for keeping the 1998 budget deficit no higher than 2.4 percent of the gross domestic product.

Judy Siegel adds:
 The directors-general of the Finance and Health Ministries were closeted together - along with other senior officials - last night to try to resolve the health budget quandary.

Earlier in the day, Matza pleaded and argued for more than five hours at the cabinet meeting against cutting the basket of health services and allowing the health funds to charge extra for treatment, medications and services tossed out of the basket.

The Treasury's plans, Matza charged, would hurt the weaker segments of the population and establish a separate health system for the rich and for the poor. They would abolish the National Health Insurance Law, the health minister continued. He was supported by Sharon and Levy.

Matza disclosed he had learned of a Treasury package of changes that would amend arrangements that were to be in effect for 10 years.

"[Finance Minister Yaakov] Neeman had no right to intervene in these internal matters and endanger the fates of all residents. Every home has a sick person," Matza said.

Albright expected to be tough on Israel

By SARAH HONIG and HILLET KUTTNER

Madeleine Albright's visit could turn into one of the most difficult by a US secretary of state in recent years, sources in the Prime Minister's Office and Foreign Ministry said yesterday.

Albright is expected to arrive tomorrow morning for three days of talks, then leave for Syria.

While here, she will also visit the Palestinian self-rule areas and meet with Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat.

Despite the latest bombing attacks, Albright is expected to put equal pressure on Israel and the Palestinians to make concessions to get peace talks back on track, the sources said.

But Israel wants Albright to put pressure mainly on the Palestinians "to abide by their commitments to combat terrorism," an official said. "If anyone can effectively pressure the Palestinians, it is the Americans. Nobody is more vulnerable to American pressure than the Palestinians."

Preparations for the visit are made on the assumption that it will be a difficult one, the sources said. They said Albright is expected to

raise the issue of construction in east Jerusalem, settlement building, and the security cabinet's Friday decision not to hand over any more territory to the PA.

Officials in the Prime Minister's Office view Arafat's latest arrests of Islamic extremists as "window dressing" timed for Albright's arrival.

PA rounds up Hamas suspects, Page 2 Fifth Ben-Yehuda bombing victim buried, Page 3 Labor, Likud trade charges over Oslo, Page 20

They hope that Albright will pressure Arafat against further "revolving door" arrests, as he has staged in the past, in which he tries to mollify world opinion by detaining Hamas leaders, and then quickly releases them.

Albright is expected to meet twice with Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu.

Foreign Minister David Levy will welcome her at the airport, but

their only meeting will be during the ride to Jerusalem. American officials turned down Levy's request for another meeting, saying Albright's schedule is too tight.

Albright may meet with Labor Party chairman Ehud Barak. Also scheduled are a visit to the grave of Yitzhak Rabin to lay a wreath, and a meeting with his widow, Leah.

Albright will also visit Yad Vashem, victims of the Mahaneh Yehuda and Rehov Ben-Yehuda bombings, and speak to high school pupils in Jerusalem and Ramallah.

She has one meeting scheduled with Arafat.

Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat telephoned Foreign Ministry Director-General Eitan Bentsur yesterday and promised not to turn a blind eye to terrorism. He also relayed a message thanking Levy for cautioning against the demise of the Oslo Accords.

"Your courage may return the peace process to its sane track," Erekat messaged Levy. Levy replied that "the real test is the facts on the ground and not declarations of intent."

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Report: Etzel suspected of targeting Elizabeth

By DOUGLAS DAVIS

LONDON - A recently declassified document, published here for the first time yesterday, indicates that Britain feared that then Princess Elizabeth was the target of a 1948 assassination plot by the pre-state underground Stern Group.

Concern over her safety is contained in a telegram sent by the Foreign Office to the British Embassy in Paris, where Elizabeth was due to visit.

The contents of the telegram, published in the Times yesterday, is based on the discovery in the British Public Records Office by Israeli author David Rubovitz, who is described as an expert

on the war between the Jewish underground movements and the British in Mandatory Palestine.

The telegram, described as being of "particular secrecy," was dated May 7, 1948, and was sent in response to a May 3 telegram from the embassy in Paris dealing with the arrival in France of two Stern Group members. The two are not named, but Rubovitz claimed that one went on to play a leading role in Israeli government.

The telegram stated: "French ambassador's private secretary was told on May 6 that the Foreign Office were much exercised about the arrival of these two terrorists in France, in view

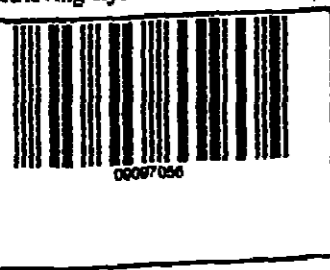
of the impending royal visit. The palace had not yet been officially informed of their presence in France; but it would be necessary to do so if they were likely to be at large during Princess Elizabeth's visit and it might in these circumstances be difficult for us to advise that it was safe for HRH [Her royal highness] to go to Paris."

Rubovitz was quoted as telling the Times he was making the telegram available to demonstrate "the great irony of the concern shown then for the safety of a British princess, and to contrast it with the lack of government concern about that of our dearly beloved Diana, especially after she was snipped of her title."

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Back in the saddle again

US Border Patrol agents are fighting illegal immigration — on horseback

By WILLIAM BOOTH

DULZURA, California — Elias Herrera reins his big dun to a halt. Turns in the saddle, creaking leather, looks down and counts. "Five, six, seven." He is pointing at tracks left along a fire-scarred ridge top in the Otay Mountains east of San Diego. It is brittle dry, and the twilight air smells like hot grass and warm horses. He rides on, reading the signs, how worn or fresh, how deep or sharp, what the dew or wind has done.

Elias Herrera is tracking humans. He is good at this, and lists the brand names of the shoes and sneakers that left the signs. He has tracked high heels through the desert and bare feet. This evening, based on the size of the prints, he guesses five men, plus a woman and child. The child is unusual this far into the desert mountains.

"They came across this morning," Herrera says, and they were moving north, of course, from Mexico, from the border, which out here is not marked by fence or river, but is real enough, just 8 km. away.

It could have taken the group two days to reach this spot, hiding by day, darting forward at night, trying to elude not only the horses but everything else.

Where are they now? Herrera squints, shrugs. "Could be laid up waiting for dark in a draw somewhere," he says. "Could be in L.A." Herrera is a leader of the US

Border Patrol's Mounted Unit, San Diego sector, and under his command are about 20 agents who ride the mountains and canyons far east of the city, in terrain too rough and isolated for trucks. They do this at night, some nights so dark a rider can't see farther than a horse's ears, can't see the ravines that fall off like the sides of buildings.

While the debate over the costs and benefits of illegal immigration continues in the state capitals and Washington, out here in these beautifully rough badlands, things are reduced to the elements. Heat and rock. Smugglers and crossers — the *polleros* and *pollas*.

And, of course, *la migra*, the Border Patrol.

Spending a few nights riding the mountains and ridge lines with the mounted unit offers an insight into the brave new world of border control — a frontier that has been so radically altered in the last few years as to be unrecognizable to those who have not seen it recently.

A century ago, when the Border Patrol was first formed, all agents were on horseback. But over the years, the animals were replaced by all the new technologies of the increasingly militarized frontier: There are now all-seeing helicopters and underground sensors, night-vision scopes and all-terrain vehicles, searchlights and higher fences, speedboats and mountain bikes, and a big computer to keep

track of all the traffic.

But the horses and their riders are making something of a comeback along the 2,560-km. border that separates the US from Mexico. Agents on horseback are now being redeployed from California to Texas — because there is a new mission.

The federal government, after years of neglect, has pledged to "return the rule of law" to the borderlands. Thousands of new Border Patrol agents have been hired and millions of dollars spent on equipment in an attempt to control illegal immigration.

By all accounts, the San Diego sector was out of control.

In the last few years, the Border Patrol has initiated a series of new operations, including "Operation Gatekeeper" in San Diego, where they threw personnel and equipment into "the worst five miles of border in the world" and have succeeded in greatly curtailing the attempted crossings in the areas closest to the sea and the American suburbs south of San Diego, the sections known as Imperial Beach and Chula Vista.

Where agents once made thousands of arrests in a shift in Imperial Beach and Chula Vista, they now make a hundred, sometimes fewer.

But it is no secret that Operation Gatekeeper, while controlling illegal crossings in one section, has simply pushed immigrants east of the city, into the rugged mountains and deserts, where the numbers of arrests have dramatically increased. And so, too, has the danger.

"They used to crawl through the fence and run for it," Herrera says. "You know, a sprint. Hundred yards. They either made it or they didn't. The whole thing took five minutes. Now they're out here two, three days. Sometimes more."

Herrera's father's family still has relatives in Mexico, but he has no regrets about his job. "This is respectable work," he says.

"The horses like the work," says Carmen Wilson, the tough, leathery blonde who supervises the mounted units. "They see things we can't see."

In the cooling night air, after the

flies have disappeared, the agents sit on their mounts and wait at a likely intersection for "traffic." That is what the agents call the illegal crossers.

"Traffic. Or hits. It's impersonal," Herrera explains.

"The horses will hear them first," Wilson says. First, their ears will lift and then their heads will turn toward the sound. "You can feel the horse between your legs," she says. "Their heads start pointing." The horses actually lean forward, wanting to give chase.

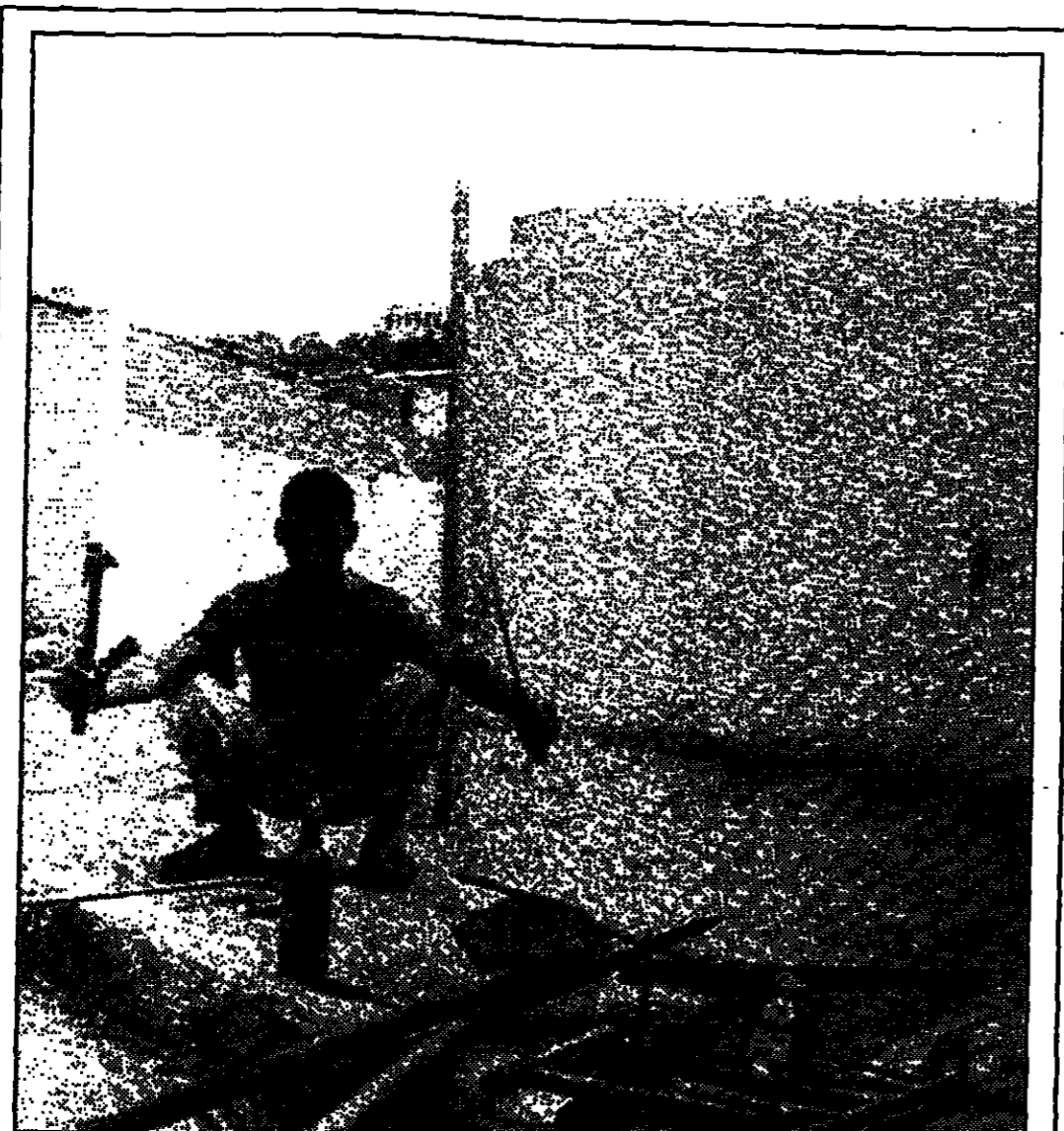
The mountains here are mined with hundreds of seismic sensors, many dating from the Vietnam War. About the size of a suitcase, they are buried by the Border Patrol along likely routes. From time to time, the radios carried by the agents announce "hits" at the numbered sensors. "Four at 1422" means four people — or sometimes four coyotes or cows — tripped the sensor at location 1422, a code for a coordinate on a big grid of sensors tracked by a computer at headquarters.

More powerful than the sensors are the scopes. Each night, agents drive their trucks to the billposts and set up night-vision scopes on tripods, and scan the landscape. On the greenish screens, heat is shown as a white light. The scopes are good enough so that an agent can watch rabbits — shown as hopping white dots — from 5 km. away.

On the scope, some of the crossers run and hide in the brush. But you can't hide your body heat. The agent operating the scope radios to the mounted riders directions to their quarry. "Right in front of you. Twenty feet. A little to your left. You're right on top of them." That night they rounded up 108 trying to make the crossing.

The government wants to prosecute the smugglers, but it is difficult. Smugglers often warn their charges that if they rat them out to the Border Patrol, there will be a price to pay back home in Mexico.

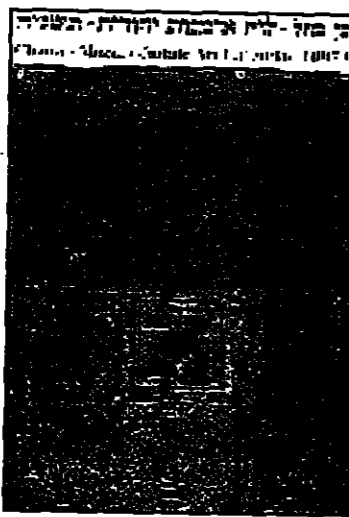
The cost of crossing, according to anecdotal reports, has increased along with the difficulty of the journey. Where it once cost \$50, some crossers now say they are paying as much as \$500 for the trip to Los Angeles. (The Washington Post)



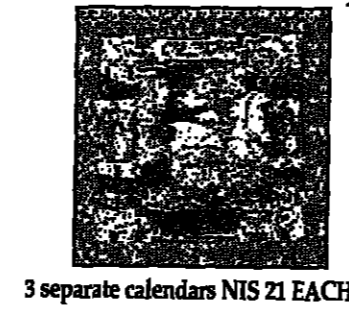
Tools of survival

A youth in Algiers shows his home-made weapons, made to defend himself against attackers. Panic gripped a western Algiers suburb this week after a massacre that killed scores of people. (AP)

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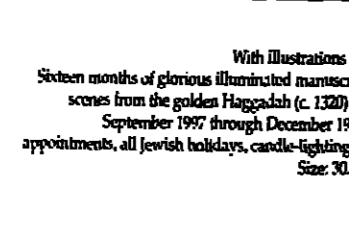
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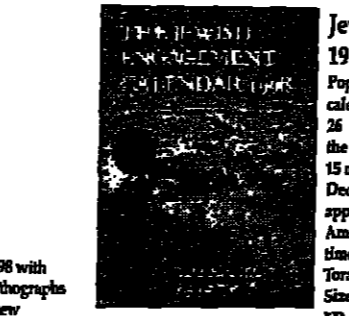
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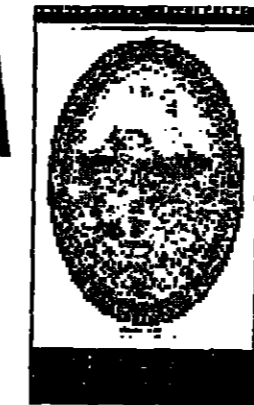


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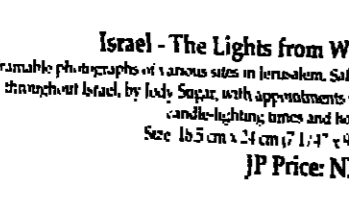
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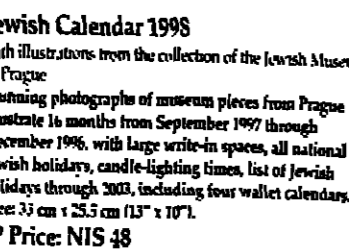
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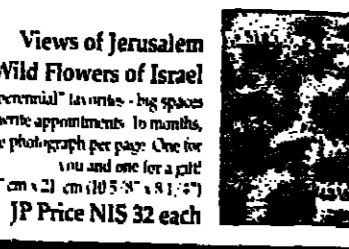
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Wavy walls and stone igloos

Is the curious site of el-Ahwat, northeast of Hadera, a link to the ancient sea peoples who descended on the eastern Mediterranean more than 3,000 years ago?

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH

Walking the hills above Wadi Ara in 1992 in a survey of unexcavated archaeological sites, Dr. Adam Zertal of Haifa University came across something he had never seen before.

The site, northeast of Hadera, was of goodly size, some 30 dunams. It dated to the 13th or 12th centuries BCE, according to pottery remains on the surface — a period when settlements in the country were unexcavated. However, this site had a wall around it. It was, in fact, known by its Arabic name, el-Ahwat, which means "the walls." Moreover, the wall was very thick, some four to five meters wide, and had a most extraordinary wavy shape. Examination of archaeological records showed that no other site in the eastern Mediterranean had wavy walls, not even sites as far away as Asia Minor or Greece.

Zertal began digging there the following year. The deeper he dug, the deeper grew the mystery. Built into the defense wall from the side facing into the city were short passages leading nowhere. These "corridors," as Zertal called them, dead-ended after a few meters. The archaeological team took it as a working assumption that they were weapons armories.

Another curious architectural feature were stone "igloos" with false domes, a structure likewise unknown in the region. Perhaps they were the tombs of chiefs.

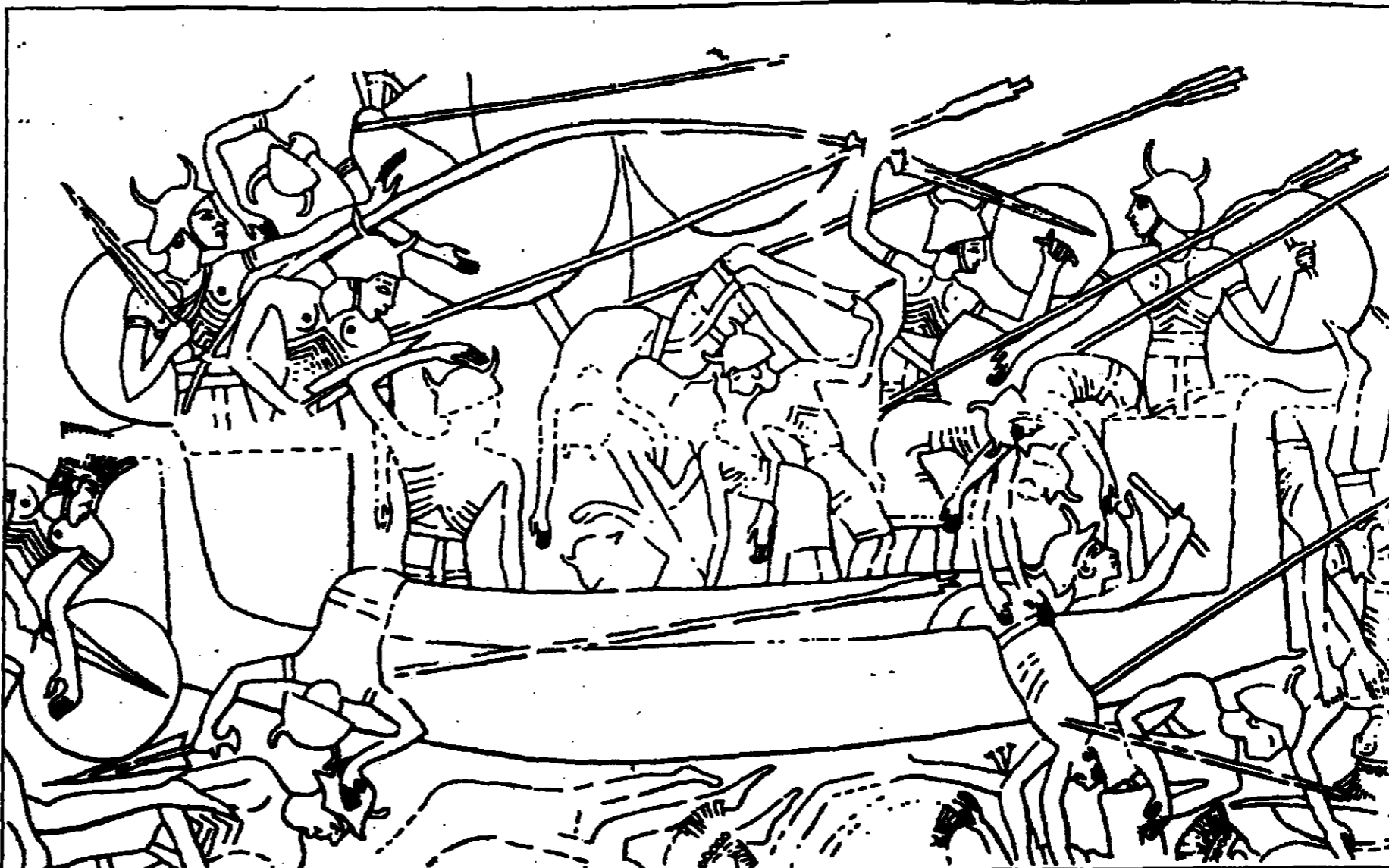
A colleague of Zertal's from Haifa University, history professor Michael Heltzer, noted that these features resembled archaeological remains he had seen on the island of Sardinia in the western Mediterranean. This possible con-

nection gave the site an intriguing new dimension.

In the past, Sardinia has been suggested by scholars as home of one of the sea peoples who descended on the eastern Mediterranean more than 3,000 years ago. It was a time when the old order of the known world was breaking up, reflected by the demise of empires and major population shifts. An Egyptian inscription speaks of foreign invaders making "a conspiracy in their islands" before descending on Egypt. One of these seafaring peoples mentioned were the Philistines, who would win their place in history because of their prominent position in the Bible. However, they were not the most prominent group back then.

It was the Shardana who were predominant in the Egyptian accounts of the sea peoples — sometimes depicted as enemies engaging Egypt in battle, sometimes as Egyptian mercenaries. There are indications that the Shardana were already serving as spears-for-hire for the Egyptians and others as early as the 14th century BCE. In wall reliefs in Egyptian temples, the Shardana were portrayed wearing horned helmets, in contrast to the feathered headresses worn by the Philistines and other sea peoples.

Scholars believe that the Egyptians settled a number of the sea peoples along the Canaan coast as mercenary buffer forces after defeating them in battle. Ancient papyri listed three tribes on the coast in a north-to-south order: Shardana, Shiqalaya and Philistines. The area of the Philistines in the southern coastal region is well known. One of the papyri listed Dor — between today's Netanya and Haifa — as "a harbor of the Shiqalaya." The



Detail of an Egyptian wall relief showing the Shardana warriors. Did they come from Sardinia?

(Illustration from "People of the Sea" by Trade and Moshe Dothan)

Shardana were presumably somewhere to the north.

Considerable light has been shed on the Philistines in recent decades in a number of excavations. However, virtually nothing is known of the other sea peoples who, together with the Philistines, entered Canaan from the west at about the same time that the Israelites were entering from the east. There has been speculation that the Philistines came from Crete, but there is no proof. If a link can be established

between el-Ahwat and Sardinia, it would be the first significant breakthrough in this direction, and the first direct connection between one of the sea peoples and a specific place of origin. The Sardinian-Shardana link was initially suggested on the basis of name similarity. In 1995 Zertal went to Sardinia to see if there was anything there to suggest a connection. He was taken aback by what he saw.

The island was dotted with some 7,000 structures from the second and first millennia BCE. Known as "nuraghe," an ancient Sardinic word meaning "pile of stones," they were rural dwellings made of large heaps of stones. They consisted of subterranean chambers linked by corridors and roofed by the false-dome method. The chambers had windows. This Nuragic culture did not have cities and therefore no city walls, but the irregular shapes of the nuraghe themselves, including wavy shapes, echoed for Zertal the shape of el-Ahwat's city walls. So, of course, did the corridors and false domes.

For all the parallels, the city of el-Ahwat is not a replica of a rural Sardinian nuraghe. And the pottery found in el-Ahwat is simple Canaanite ware with no hint of a foreign origin — unlike the painted pottery found in early Philistine sites, which was so similar to Aegean pottery, it was initially thought to have been imported from there.

Prof. Giovanni Ugas of the University of Cagliari, heading a Sardinian team working with Zertal at the site, sees a "probable" connection between el-Ahwat and settlers of a Sardinian origin; but he says the excavation will have to proceed further before there can be a more definite reading. A promi-

nent Israeli archaeologist familiar with Philistine sites agrees that el-Ahwat is "a very important and unique" site. But he calls for caution before linking it to the Shardana.

Zertal is little inclined to caution after five digging seasons and his visit to Sardinia. "El-Ahwat should be looked at as a Shardana site with a mixture of local and foreign elements," he says. Shardana tribes-

several generations of local acculturation — which could account for the Canaanite-style pottery.

As for the foreign architecture, a member of Zertal's team, pointing from el-Ahwat to the Arab villages lining Wadi Ara below, noted that they did not have red tile roofs despite generations of living alongside Jewish settlements, whose founders had brought a tile-roof tradition from Europe. "People keep

low U, as it were. Its appearance as a fortified settlement adds weight, in Zertal's view, to its linkage with the Shardana, a mercenary group.

The discovery of gold and silver jewelry, including rings and bracelets, indicates that the site was not just a fortress but a settlement that included women. The settlement was divided into quarters separated by stone walls.

El-Ahwat was occupied for no more than 50 to 60 years, another possible indication that its inhabitants were mercenaries rather than an indigenous group. There are no arrowheads or evidence of fire to indicate a battle for the site. The inhabitants had time enough to pack thoroughly, as few movables were left for archaeologists to find. Some Egyptian scarabs and seals from the 13th century BCE wedged into the stones, however, provided information about the site's dating.

Only 10 percent of el-Ahwat has been excavated thus far. Zertal hopes to dig in a Sardinian nuraghe for two weeks next summer to understand those constructions close up before resuming the dig at el-Ahwat. Future digging seasons may shed more light on the inhabitants of an intriguing site.

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men had been in the region for more than a century before el-Ahwat was settled. Egyptian documents show that they served as mercenaries at Byblos and Ugarit on the Phoenician coast, as well as in the ranks of the Egyptian army. Therefore, the founders of el-Ahwat, if they were indeed Shardana in origin, would have had

their architectural traditions a long time," he observed.

Whatever their origins, the founders of el-Ahwat were clearly military minded. The wall itself is testimony to that. Its wavy nature — apart from possibly being a building tradition — could have permitted the defenders to fire at attackers from both sides of a shal-



Top: An 'igloo' with false dome roofing; The structure is reminiscent of ancient rural dwellings in Sardinia. Bottom: An aerial view of El-Ahwat. The name of the site means 'the walls' in Arabic.

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Tel Aviv shares rise led by banks

Tel Aviv

Israeli stocks rose, led by the banks, after an investor group agreed to pay more than the market price for Bank Hapoalim, the country's largest bank.

Bank Leumi Le-Israel, Israel's second biggest bank, rose 3.25 percent amid expectations the government will also sell a stake in it for more than its current value, said traders.

On Friday the government said it sold a 43% stake in the bank for \$1.37 billion, 18% more than the bank's market value, to a group led by cruise ship magnate Ted Arison, founder of Miami-based Carnival Corp.

Bank Hapoalim itself fell 0.50%. "Big sellers may want to take advantage of the high trading volume," said Doron Tsur, head of research at Tel Aviv Investment firm Sahar Securities.

stocks rose 0.23% to 286.55. The general bond index rose 0.1%.

Europe

UK stocks traded mixed as robust growth in industrial output shows little sign of feeding through into consumer prices, giving investors mixed signals on whether interest rates will rise further.

The benchmark FT-SE 100 index slid 9 points to 4985.2, after dropping as much as 21.1 points earlier in the day.

The market was led lower earlier by oil and bank stocks. British Petroleum Plc fell as much as 15 pence to 909, before rising back to 915, while Shell Transport & Trading Co. dropped 6.5p to 440 before regaining some ground to 443.5.

Concern that interest rates are heading higher is exaggerated, said John Ainsworth, head of equities at Hill Samuel Asset Management, which has 13 billion pounds invested in UK equities.

The prospect of robust growth and low inflation justifies this year's rally in stocks. Manufacturer's selling price rose 0.1% in August from July, in line with forecasts, and only 1.4% in the last 12 months.

STOCKS

Table of stock market indices: Nikkei 225 Stock Average fell 16.31 points to 18,633.86.

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Asia

Japanese stocks fell, paced by banks like Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi Ltd. amid concern about their ability to write off non-performing loans.

The benchmark Nikkei 225 Stock Average fell 16.31 points or 0.09% to 18,633.86. The TPIX average of all shares on the first section fell 4.05 points or 0.28%, to 1,440.60.

The Dow Jones Transportation index soared to a new high, tagging along with rising airline stocks. Based on early and unofficial data, the Dow Jones industrial average ended up 12.77 points at 7,835.18.

Wall Street

NEW YORK (Reuters) - Stocks closed higher yesterday, as the market tracked the jump in bonds after Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan's latest comment on the economy failed to rattle Wall Street.

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The session was highlighted by small stocks extending their rally and airline shares driving the Dow Jones Transport index to a record high of 3,026.05, up 66.52 points from Friday's close, and beating its old high of 3,009.25 set Aug. 6.

The Nasdaq Composite closed up 9.58 points at 1,645.35. Traders said investors took heart in a strong Treasury market after Greenspan gave no indications of an imminent credit tightening in a speech after the market's close on Friday.

Greenspan's comments over the weekend were benign and non-threatening, at least in the near term," said Guy Truicko, equity portfolio manager at Unity Management.

Dollar Steady as US rates expected to remain stable

The dollar was little changed above earlier lows against the mark amid expectations the US economy isn't growing fast enough to warrant an interest rate rise any time soon.

Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan sent a strong signal Friday that US rates won't rise in September as the economy is close to price stability because global competition and rising productivity are keeping inflation low.

attractive. "I don't expect the Fed will raise rates in September, though the situation isn't as cut and dry as it seems," said Erik Fishwick, an economist at Nikko Europe.

The dollar was trading at 1.8033 marks, little changed from 1.8005 marks earlier in European trading. It was also steady at 121.02 yen from 120.80 at Friday's London close.

CURRENCIES

Table of currency exchange rates: Dollar 1.5196 v 0.11, Mark 1.9520 v 0.50.

showed that the US economy added a fewer 49,000 jobs in August. In Europe, concern mounted that rates would rise after national central banks hinted they could do so.

January, making imported goods more expensive in Germany and risking fueling inflation.

Meantime, investors watch carefully US stocks after Greenspan raised the issue about the implications of an extraordinary surge in US stocks.

If investors sold US securities, that could hurt the dollar because of the need to convert the dollar proceeds into their home currencies.

Against the yen, traders expect the dollar will remain underpinned as the Bank of Japan is seen unanimously leaving the official discount rate unchanged this year, as the US economy.

Swiss National Bank President Hans Meyer said Friday the central bank is "aware that we can't continue our expansive monetary policy for much longer if we are to avoid the building up of new inflationary pressure."

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Oil declines ahead of UN vote on Iraqi exports

Precious metals

Gold prices were little changed in London interbank trading. Gold for immediate delivery fell 25 cents to \$322.30 an ounce.

Energy

October crude oil fell 7 cents to \$19.56 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange, as traders awaited today's UN vote on whether to allow Iraq to sell about \$500 million worth of oil it would otherwise be unable to export after last Friday's deadline imposed by the UN.

COMMODITIES

Table of commodity prices: Gold \$321.85 v 0.70, Crude Oil \$18.43 v 0.04.

Heavy metals

Copper prices were little changed amid rising stockpiles. London Metal Exchange inventories of the metal rose 475 metric tons to 285,325 tons Friday from Thursday, the exchange said in its latest daily report, and are now at their highest level since June 11 1996.

Coffee

September coffee opened \$20 lower on the London International Financial Futures and Options Exchange. Prices fell in New York Friday, ending eight days of gains, amid expectations that beans from early harvests in Colombia and Central America will replenish stockpiles, as US roasters prepare for peak winter demand.

ISRAEL MONEY MARKETS

Table of Israel money market rates: Patah (foreign currency deposit rates), Shekel Foreign Exchange Rates, CHECKS AND TRANSFERS, BANKNOTES, Rep. Rates.

US bonds rise following Greenspan's remarks

US bonds gained for the first time in four days as remarks by Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan reinforced expectations the central bank won't raise interest rates soon.

BONDS

The benchmark 30-year Treasury bond rose 7/32, or \$2.19 per \$1,000 bond, to 95 25/32, pushing its yield down 2 basis points to 6.62 percent. The two-year note's yield fell 1 basis point to 5.94%.

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US bonds rise following Greenspan's remarks

Producers prices, which declined every month this year, are expected to show a gain of 0.3% , and 0.1% when food and energy are excluded, according to the average forecast of analysts surveyed by Bloomberg News.

Many investors see another quarter-point increase in the federal funds rate before year-end, judging by futures on three-month Eurodollars, one of the best indicators of Fed interest-rate expectations.

BMW returning to Formula One

FRANKFURT (Reuters) — German luxury carmaker BMW said yesterday it would return to Formula One motor racing in the year 2000, building engines for the Williams racing team.

BMW, which quit Formula One 10 years ago, said it had signed a five-year deal with Williams but suggested the company intended to remain in F1 even longer.

"The BMW board was united in its belief that now was the time to join F1," BMW chairman Bernd Pischetsrieder told a news conference.

Pischetsrieder said he was confident the company could develop a competitive engine within the next two years.

LOCAL SCENE

Erlich reaches 150 in ATP rankings

By HEATHER CHAIT

The ATP rankings of Israel's Davis Cup team to play against Morocco at the end of next week at Ramat Hasharon have Eyal Erlich at 150, Eyal Ran at 171, Ravi Weidenfeld at 217 and Noam Behr at 376.

Nir Welgrien, the fifth man in the squad, is ranked at 418. Erlich, Ran and Behr are all currently playing in the \$400,000 Tashkent ATP tournament.

In stark contrast to the local rackets is the Moroccan crack squad of Hicham Azzi who slots in at 17 and Karim Alami at 52.

Martial arts: Israel's prowess in the world of martial arts produced silver and bronze medals at two international competitions this week.

Judoka Arik Ze'evi won the silver medal at a tournament in Bonn, Germany in the 95 kilogram category, removing the world junior champion from his path to the final where Ze'evi lost to a German entrant.

The first medal in a major taekwondo competition went to Elia Madar, daughter of Michel, the secretary of the Israel Taekwondo Association.

Elia won the bronze medal at the European Youth Championships (18 years) held in Greece in the 57kg group. Among her conquests were contestants from Cyprus, Croatia and Greece.

Golf: Max Shapiro battled the gusty winds at Caesarea's golf club on Friday to win the A division of the monthly medal competition. His three-over-par 76 was one too good for Zev Abraham who finished second with 77. Leslie Ben-Amir was third with 78.

In the B division Moshe Namdar also had 76 for first place with Ephraim Katzman on 79 and Yossie Spector third with 80. Eli Segev scored the only under par in the C division, nabbing four under par 69. Hanan Eshed was second with 76 and Moshe Zarkover on 77. Devora Deutsch won the D group, also with 76 with Solly Friedman and Harry Brodie on 77 but Friedman's better back nine jostled him into second place.

Four golfers have reached the semi-finals of the individual matchplay tournament. They are Hanoche Reichenberg who will play Malca Geri and Jules Curburek who faces Moshe Zarkover.

Flying: The Aero Club of Israel will enter 56 members in the first Air Olympics to be held at various venues in Turkey from September 13-22. Four thousand sports aviators from 75 countries will compete in ten branches of air sports such as gliding, aerobatics, free-fall parachuting, paragliding and air surfing.

As part of the Olympics, some 23 jet aircraft will drop in at Tel Aviv's Sde Dov Airport on September 16, continuing to Amman after two days and ending their journey in Turkey.

Soccer players should be wary of seeing red

By DEREK FATTAL

There is a red storm rising over local soccer.

Yesterday the sport's administrators announced a tightening-up of punishments for disciplinary offences in the wake of weekend play which saw a record nine players sent off in eight National League matches.

In a bid to clamp down on unfair play, the Israel Football Association passed a new regulation under which players on the receiving end of a red card will face an automatic one-match ban for their first violation, rising to a two-game suspension for the second dismissal, and so on.

In other disciplinary news Hapoel Petah Tikva's captain, Benny Kozshvili is appealing a three-match 'Euro-suspension' meted out by UEFA as a result of his dismissal in the club's UEFA Cup preliminary tie against Denmark's Vejle last month.

The Petah Tikvaans are hoping that their captain will be able to play in at least one of the forthcoming ties against Rapid Vienna next week. Also on the European front, UEFA yesterday rejected a request by Belgian club FC Brugge for their forthcoming UEFA Cup tie at Teddy Stadium against Bnei Jerusalem to be played at another venue in light of the deteriorating security situation evidenced by last week's fatal terror bombing in Ben-Yehuda Mall.

Rafter wins US Open crown

NEW YORK (Reuters) — Australian Patrick Rafter capped two weeks of sensational serve and volley tennis on Sunday by beating unseeded Briton Greg Rusedski to win the US Open title.

The 13th-seeded Rafter, who had been to five finals this year without a victory, claimed his first major title with a hard fought 6-3 6-2 4-6 7-5 victory over the biggest server in the game.

"I just can't believe it at the moment. I'm in a fantasyland," Rafter said after receiving the trophy and the \$650,000 winner's check.

"It's something you never dream of. Well, you dream of it, but you never think it's going to happen," said the deliriously happy champion.

The 24-year-old wonder from Down Under, the first Australian to win a Grand Slam event since Pat Cash at Wimbledon in 1987, joins a legendary list of US Open champions from Australia but is the first since John Newcombe's 1973 win at Forest Hills.

Rusedski, who had lost in the first round of his three previous trips to the Open, was obviously pleased with his showing despite the disappointment of losing the biggest match of his life.

"I've had a good run but Pat played extremely well," said the big lefthander.

"He had a great run and he deserved to win the tournament," added the Canadian-born Briton, who delivered the biggest serve ever recorded — a 143 mile per hour (230 kph) screaming service winner in the fourth set that left Rafter checking his racket to see if it was still intact.

"Pat was the bigger player today, he took the advantage on the big points and that's why he was the winner," said Rusedski, who earned \$350,000 for his first appearance in a Grand Slam final.

Rafter, who played by far the best tennis of his life here, losing just two sets in seven matches, sees his ranking rise to third in the world as a result of his Open heroics.

The matchup marked the first US Open final of the decade without an American competitor, thanks in no small part to Rafter, who took out Andre Agassi in the fourth round and second-seed Michael Chang in the semifinals.

The Australian heartthrob, who seemed to have the young women in



SAVORING THE MOMENT — Pat Rafter celebrates after beating Greg Rusedski to win the US Open title on Sunday.

serve percentage taking a nosedive. At the same time, Rusedski lifted his game and began a valiant fight back, breaking Rafter early for a 3-0 lead.

"We both knew what was at stake," Rafter said of the mounting pressure. The 13th seed broke back in the fifth game and held serve to level the set. But in the final game of the third set, Rusedski, who turned 24 Saturday, got two set-point opportunities on Rafter's serve.

On the second, Rafter appeared to produce a deep volley winner, but Rusedski came up with an astonishing backhand winner down the line on a dead run to send the match into a fourth set.

"I was a little bit down but after you hold your first couple of service games you feel a sense of relief," said Rafter, who went up an early break in the fourth.

Rafter had a golden chance to go up two breaks for 4-1, but Rusedski saved three successive break points with a big serve and some tremen-

dous shotmaking. He later saved a fourth break point in that game before holding with a 139 mph (223 kph) ace and broke Rafter in the next game to put the set back on serve.

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UNDER FIRE-49ers QB Jim Druckenmiller completes a pass as Rams' Bill Johnson puts on the pressure in 3rd-quarter action. The 49ers won 15-12. (Reuters)

Eagles upset Packers, 10-9

Missed FG dooms Green Bay; Cowboys lose to Cardinals in OT

NEW YORK (AP) - Ty Detmer hit Freddie Solomon with a 2-yard TD pass with just under two minutes remaining and Packers rookie kicker Ryan Longwell missed a 28-yard field goal attempt with 11 seconds left to give the Philadelphia Eagles a 10-9 upset of the defending National Football League champs on Sunday.

105 yards against Indianapolis last week, completed 24 of 43 attempts for 324 yards against visiting Tennessee (1-1). The Dolphins (2-0) won it on rookie Olindo Mare's 29-yard field goal with 12:45 left in OT.

Bills 28, Jets 22 At East Rutherford, New Jersey, Todd Collins threw three TD passes as Buffalo (1-1) rebounded from an opening loss to hand the Jets (1-1) their 13th straight home defeat. The Bills' defense, led by Bryce Paup, had eight sacks.

Buccaneers 24, Lions 17 Tampa Bay rookie Warrick Dunn rushed for 130 yards and a touchdown, while visiting Detroit star Barry Sanders was shut down for the second straight week.

Host Seattle's Warren Moon, the oldest player in the league at 40, was 20 of 33 for 222 yards and one score. The Broncos improved to 2-0, while the Seahawks fell to 0-2.

San Francisco 0 7 0 8-15 Dallas 0 13 3 0-22 First Quarter: SF-FG Wilkins 40, 8:42. Second Quarter: SF-FG Wilkins 49, 14:55. SF-Stokes 25 pass from Druckenmiller (Anderson kick), 11:18. SF-FG Wilkins 52, 8:04. Third Quarter: SF-FG Wilkins 34, 6:34. Fourth Quarter: SF-Hearst 35 run (Kirby pass from Druckenmiller), 7:50. A-64,630. INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS RUSHING-San Francisco, Hearst 16-92, Floyd 7-25, Foy 5-25, Druckenmiller 5-1, St. Louis, Phillips 23-72, Banks 8-17, Lee 2-6, Moore 1-1, team 1-0. PASSING-San Francisco, Druckenmiller 10-28-3-102. St. Louis, Phillips 23-72, Banks 8-17, Lee 2-6, Moore 1-1, team 1-0.

The Packers failed to score a touchdown for the first time since October 18, 1992, a span covering 85 regular-season and playoff games. "This is an early wake-up call for us," Green Bay coach Mike Holmgren said. "The offensive futility was the toughest part."

Cardinals 25, Cowboys 22 (OT) Kent Graham overcame boos and three lost fumbles to lead host Arizona to a comeback victory. The Cardinals snapped a 13-game losing streak against the Cowboys (1-1) when Kevin Butler's 20-yard field goal attempt in overtime hit the left upright and went through.

Ravens 23, Bengals 10 Vinny Testaverde threw a pivotal touchdown pass to Eric Green with 9:36 left and host Baltimore avoided another late collapse to beat the Bengals (1-1). The Ravens (1-1), who had lost nine of their last 11 games despite holding a second-half lead, took the lead for good on Jay Graham's 5-yard TD run late in the third quarter.

Jaguars 40, Giants 13 Quarterback Steve Matthews played with poise in his first NFL start, leading host Jacksonville (2-0) to the highest point total in their three-year history. Matthews, claimed off waivers last month, completed 23 of 35 for 252 yards and Natrone Means ran for two touchdowns for the Jaguars.

Carolina 0 0 0 9-9 Atlanta 0 3 0 10-23 Second Quarter: Car-Fickens 9 pass from Blake (Pellery kick), 10:33. Bal-FG Stover 37, 4:46. Car-FG Pellery 46, 0:07. Third Quarter: Bal-Stover 32, 6:08. Bal-Graham 5 run (Stover kick), 1:02. Fourth Quarter: Bal-Green 18 pass from Testaverde (Stover kick), 9:38. Bal-FG Stover 41, 3:45. A-52,968. INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS RUSHING-Cincinnati, Blake 3-34, Carter 10-22, Blenlymy 1-0. Baltimore, Byner 17-75, Graham 16-73, Testaverde 2-19. PASSING-Cincinnati, Blake 25-45-2-317. Baltimore, Testaverde 25-38-1-275. RECEIVING-Cincinnati, Pickens 8-89, McGee 4-71, Blenlymy 4-41, Scott 3-42, Tynor 3-41, Carter 2-9, Milne 1-14. Baltimore, Alexander 8-104, Jackson 6-85, Green 4-35, Graham 2-23, Yarborough 2-17, Kincen 2-10, Byner 1-1. MISSED FIELD GOALS-Cincinnati, Pellery 51 (WL); 43 (WL); 48 (BK).

The Packers failed to score a touchdown for the first time since October 18, 1992, a span covering 85 regular-season and playoff games. "This is an early wake-up call for us," Green Bay coach Mike Holmgren said. "The offensive futility was the toughest part."

Top Scottish soccer clubs announce league breakaway Scottish Football Association, then they would have to abide by the rules of the league regarding "leaving," he warned.

Goalkeeper Seaman takes over as England captain LONDON (Reuters) - Arsenal goalkeeper David Seaman was named yesterday as England's captain for tomorrow's World Cup qualifier against Moldova.

It's going to be very emotional, as the last week has been," he added, referring to the death of Princess Diana and her funeral in London on Saturday.

Table with 2 main columns: AMERICAN CONFERENCE and NATIONAL CONFERENCE. Each column has sub-columns for W, L, T, Pct., PF, PA. Lists teams like Miami, New England, Buffalo, NY Jets, Indianapolis, Central, Jacksonville, Baltimore, Cincinnati, Pittsburgh, Tennessee, West, Denver, San Diego, Kansas City, Oakland, Seattle, Arizona, Dallas, NY Giants, Philadelphia, Washington, Minnesota, Tampa Bay, Detroit, Green Bay, Chicago, Carolina, St. Louis, San Francisco, Atlanta, New Orleans.

Labor, Likud trade charges over Oslo

By SARAH HONIG

Labor Party members ought to "lower their eyes in shame and keep quiet as it becomes clearer and clearer that the deal their government struck has repeatedly put the lives of Israelis in peril." Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's spokesman Shai Bazak said yesterday.

Labor Party spokesman Yoram Dori in turn accused the government of "dragging Israel into an all-out confrontation with the Palestinians and, heaven forbid, a war with the Syrians... Israelis are paying with their blood for Netanyahu's failures."

This exchange was sparked by an earlier one between National Religious Party MK Nissan Solomiansky and Labor's Dalia Itzik. Others on both Left and Right entered the fray and Itzik, along with Meretz MK Dedi Zucker, lodged a complaint against Solomiansky with the attorney-general.

Bazak, who returned to Itzik's onslaught on Solomiansky and Netanyahu, argued that "the Oslo Accords, signed by the previous government, created refuges and safe havens for terrorists under Palestinian Authority jurisdiction, issued and distributed thousands of firearms to the Palestinians, and caused numerous terror attacks and hundreds of Israeli deaths, even during the Labor government's tenure - while that government continued to make concessions and let the Palestinians have all they wished."

According to Bazak, Netanyahu must now

"do all he can to return security and pull the country out of the mire in which Labor sank it. The impudence of Labor's leaders seems to know no bounds, and they continue to incite even before the terror victims are laid to rest, providing the Arab countries with propaganda material."

Dori's reply said that "it's high time this prime minister stops hiding behind the apron of [former prime minister Shimon] Peres and the grave of late prime minister Yitzhak Rabin." Netanyahu's reckless boasts and baseless promises of a "secure peace" have all shattered against the awful and painful reality. There is no peace. There is no security. There is terror. There is no hope.

"The public knows it needs another direction - experienced and responsible - which will make a secure peace and not just talk about it."

Solomiansky argued that "it is high time the public demands a political reckoning from those who brought the Oslo disaster upon us. These same people are now trying to sell us the very same goods by advocating a panacea in the shape of an unconditional withdrawal from Lebanon. They owe the voter an accounting."

Itzik reminded Solomiansky that "the man who had been in charge of implementing the Oslo agreements for the past 15 months is none other than Netanyahu," and advised the NRP to bring Netanyahu down if it dislikes the Oslo process.



Protesters from Acre

Residents from Acre staged a protest yesterday in front of the Prime Minister Office yesterday, to press demands for their city to be declared a development zone. Such a designation would entitle Acre to tax benefits and loans. Acre has been plagued by economic troubles lately and has an unemployment rate of 11%. (Isaac Harari)

WEATHER (Golan 16-27)

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Samarita 17-29
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Mevasseret squatters granted 'asylum' in Jericho

By HERB KEINON

Jerusalem for some 14 days.

When the term "city of refuge" is applied to Jericho, it is generally understood to mean a place of refuge for Palestinians fleeing the security forces. Now a group of Jews is trying to show the world that Jericho can be an equal opportunity haven.

Three activists involved in the ongoing and often violent struggle to squat in the Mevasseret Zion absorption center, went to Jericho last Thursday in search of "political asylum."

Rafi Avivi, the activists' leader, said he has no intention of trying to establish a Jewish presence in the "world's oldest city."

He said he went to Jericho because "we are being persecuted because we are Sephardim."

Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat granted the asylum. Avivi, whose following has grown to 10, including two babies, said he feels safer in Jericho than in Mevasseret.

As proof of the dangers lurking in Mevasseret, Avivi said that after he and five other people blockaded themselves in an absorption center apartment last month, and opened up gas canisters, a police anti-terror unit stormed the apartment to get them out.

"They tried to kill us," he said. Sitting in the second-floor lobby of the Jerusalem Hotel, where a television was tuned to CNN and a Book of Psalms was set on a coffee table, Avivi spoke of how he and the others involved in the Mevasseret Zion struggle were victims of "transfer."

"We, the Sephardim, founded Mevasseret and built it up," Avivi said. "Now it is successful, and they want to transfer us."

It was early Thursday, before the Rehov Ben-Yehuda bombings, when Avivi drove into Jericho with Eli Dahan and Rafael Bazit. A few hours earlier, Jerusalem District Court had ordered them to stay away from Mevasseret and

thought Jericho was a logical destination.

Buzit said the men stopped a Palestinian policeman on the street and asked for shelter. "He was shocked," Buzit said, "but he took us to the PA offices."

Eventually, Preventive Security chief Jibril Rajoub was informed, and told Arafat, who said to put the group up, so they were taken to the local Jerusalem Hotel. The three have since been joined by another seven veterans of the Mevasseret battles.

"Our families would come here, but they can't get in because of the closure," Avivi said. He added that the minute the closure is lifted, "three bus loads of people will arrive."

According to Avivi, the group was told by Rajoub that Arafat will try to find them political refuge in a third country. "We cannot stay here forever," he said, "they don't have the money to put us up."

An official at the PA's office in Jericho said that the group deserved to be granted asylum. "They were thrown out of their homes," he said.

Then, taking full advantage of the public relations gem in hand, he added: "Look, Israel closes us in, but we open our doors to them. Anyone who comes is welcome. They are our guests."

Avivi maintained that the group had not come to make any political point. "We did not come here to be contentious. We came so that our problem would be solved."

Avivi, who said he once was extremely right-wing, said he has undergone a political conversion.

"Look how they are treating us," he said, pointing to the air-conditioned rooms and the cups of juice on the table. "They are treating us like human beings. They are not animals. We are moving the peace from paper to reality. We are putting the peace into practice."

Ganani closes company in Cairo

Dvora Ganani, who has been barred from returning to Egypt, decided yesterday to close her Cairo-based business.

"We decided to close it today because Egypt did not allow me to go back," Ganani said from her home. "Nobody gave me any reason."

Ganani's company, World Wide Vision, has arranged deals during the past five years between Egyptian and other foreign companies in areas such as agriculture, construction, cosmetics and medical technology, she said. World Wide Vision worked to bring foreign companies into Egypt and Egyptian companies into other nations.

The Egyptian police held her on July 13 for 24 hours at Cairo International Airport for unspecified security reasons, she said. Labor Party leader Ehud Barak, who was passing through the airport at the time, persuaded Egyptian officials to let her return to Israel with him.

Egyptian officials said at the time that Ganani was barred from entering because her name was on a list of persons banned from the country. Press reports said 4,000 Israelis were on the list, including senior government officials.

Winning cards

In yesterday's daily Chance-drawings, the winning cards were the king of spades, 9 of hearts, queen of diamonds, and queen of clubs, and the king of spades, 10 of hearts, king of diamonds, and 7 of clubs.